

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed January 23, 2008, the Examiner took the following actions: (1) stated that the 37 CFR 1.131 Declaration filed on October 30, 2007 is ineffective; and (2) rejected claims 1-7, 18-22, 33-35, and 37-38 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Pyron (*Using Microsoft Project 98: Special Edition*) in view of Gauger (U.S. Publication 2007/0192155). Claims 1, 18, and 33 are currently amended. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

I. Examiner Interview

Applicants respectfully express appreciation to Examiner Van Doren for the telephonic interview conducted on June 3, 2008, discussing the 37 CFR 1.131 Declaration filed on October 30, 2007 with Applicants' representative, and the filing of revised 37 CFR 1.131 Declaration that will satisfactorily overcome the prior art references. Specifically, Applicants and the Examiner discussed the following: (1) the displaying the status of the series of collaborative action, as claimed in Claim 1, is at least shown on pages 5 and 7-8 of the Supplier Test Web Site User's Manual; (2) the deletion of the "displaying a bar graph" element from each of the independent claims 1, 18, and 33, as a description of this element is not in the Supplier Test Web Site User's Manual; (3) the provision of a less redacted version of the Supplier Test Web Site User's Manual by the Applicants to provide the Examiner with additional context with respect to the manual and to further show the inventors' possession of the inventive concept; and (4) revisions to the 37 CFR 1.131 Declaration by the Applicants that will establish the relationship between the Invention Disclosure and the Supplier Test Web Site User's Manual, as well as establish the nature of the testing performed on the invention.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-7, 18-22, 33-35, and 37-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Pyron in view of Gauger. Submitted herewith is a revised declaration of the inventors under 37 CFR § 1.131 swearing behind Gauger. Gauger is therefore removed as prior art.

Although Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-7, 18-22, 33-35, and 37-38 are neither anticipated or rendered unpatentable by Gauger, Applicants respectfully reserve further comment on the merits of the Examiner's rejections in view of the enclosed declaration under 37 CFR § 1.131. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 1-7, 18-22, 33-35, and 37-38.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that pending Claims 1-7, 18-22, 33-35, and 37-38 are now in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining matters that may be handled by telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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